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SUBJECT: AMERICAN TOURISTS STRANDED IN EGYPT

REF: STATE 199878 (NOTAL)

1. ADEL TAHIR, UNDERSECRETARY MINISTRY OF TOURISM,
MET WITH AMERICAN TOUR GROUP LEADERS AT SHERATON
EVENING OCTOBER 9.

2. TAHIR TOLD ASSEMBLAGE THAT MINISTRY OF TOURISM
HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR REQUESTING TOUR GROUPS TO
DEPART EGYPT BY EGYPTAIR BUS TO BENGAZI. HE SAID HIS
STAFF WAS IN PROCESS OF MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSES,
ONWARD AIR TRAVEL VIA EGYPTAIR TO ROME, ETC. HE
MENTIONED MINISTRY OF TOURISM WAS EXPECTING APPROVAL
FROM LIBYAN GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW AMERICANS INTO LIBYA
WITHOUT ARABIC VISAS TOMORROW MORNING. WE THINK IT
POSSIBLE IT WILL TAKE GOE LONGER THAN IT THINKS TO
MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE THIS PLAN WORK.

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3. TAHIR SAID GOE WAS OFFERING THESE ARRANGEMENTS.
INDIVIDUAL TOURISTS HAD CHOICE TO ACCEPT OR NOT.
GROUP LEADERS SAID THEY BELIEVED MOST PEOPLE WITH
THEM WOULD ELECT TO ACCEPT OFFER.

4. USINT OFFICER TOLD TAHIR AND INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN
TOUR GROUP LEADERS AFTER MEETING USINT PLEASED WITH
MIN. TOURISM'S EFFORTS TO REMOVE STRANDED AMERICAN
TOURISTS FROM EGYPT.

5. UNDERSTAND TAHIR MEETING WITH OTHER GROUPS TO-
MORROW FOR SAME PURPOSE AND PRESUME INDIVIDUAL AMERI-
CANS AS WELL AS OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO
LEAVE EGYPT IN SAME FASHION.

6. NOW ESTIMATE NUMBER OF STRANDED AMERICAN TOURISTS
AT 400.
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